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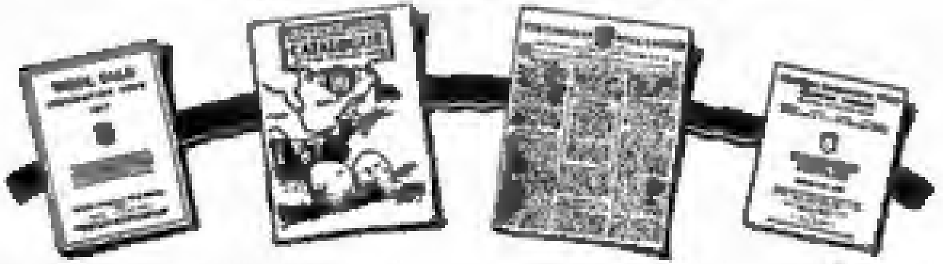

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EDITORIAL

NO MORE SIDESTEPPING

Owing to the persistency and energy with which the U.F.A. members of the House of Commons have pressed for the consideration of Mr. Justice Clarke's damning report on the Athabasca election scandal of 1925, the committee of the House on Privileges and Elections will have this matter before them this session.

In 1927 a motion referring the report to the Committee was adopted, but throughout the session it was impossible to obtain a quorum, and consequently nothing was done. If the Government had desired to assist in the inquiry at that time, it would certainly have prevented such a farcical ending of the matter last year, for its supporters form a majority of the committee.

A few weeks ago, however, a motion to refer the report to the Committee on Privileges and Elections was again introduced by E. J. Garland, M.P., and after a debate which reflected little credit on the administration, was adopted. We do not believe that the Government will dare to permit the farce of 1927 to be repeated.

The scandal was one of the most disgraceful in the history of Canada. For today, according to statements made in the debate by D. F. Kellner and other members, the King Government still has in its service men and women who were declared guilty of grave offenses in Mr. Justice Clarke's report. It is imperative that there shall be no further side-stepping this session by the Government's majority in the House, and that this matter shall be brought to a final issue. Any remaining civil servants in the employ of the Government in any branch of the service—any persons who were shown in Mr. Justice Clark's report to have been guilty of any offense against the law of the land—should immediately be discharged.

Speaking in the debate this year, Mr. Kellner concluded:

"It seems to me that this is what the Government is doing. You are saying to the young people of this country: If you go out and forge cheques to help your own party on election day . . . you are all right; you can get a Government job; you can forge cheques, you can beat the Dominion of Canada out of money which you should not have, and nobody will say a word to you; but, on the other hand, if you do not do anything like that, even though you helped your country to fight its wars, your post office will be taken away from you and you will get no consideration at all."

A full report of the debate appears in Hansard of March 29th, which can be obtained from the King's Printer, Ottawa, for five cents. We strongly advise all our readers who are not already subscribers to Hansard to write for this particular copy at once.

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THE POWER MENACE

Every month during which the power company operating in Alberta secures new franchises and proceeds to install new power lines to supply the most profitable markets with hydro-electric power, increases the difficulties which the Province must experience in securing for the people effective control over distribution.

The power question is the most vital of all questions now before the public of this Province. The daily press is doing nothing to warn the people of the present danger. The Ottawa Government can be counted on to do nothing, except in response to an aroused public opinion. The merest tyro in power history must be aware that once the corporate power interests have entrenched themselves in any community, by acquiring franchises and building power lines, the difficulties of securing efficient public control are vastly increased. It is desirable that complete and unconditional control should immediately pass into the hands of the Provincial Government, there to be exercised to protect the rights of present and future citizens of Alberta.

NEWS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Activities of U.F.A. Locals and District Associations and Information from Central Office—Notes on Co-operation

NEW LOCALS

North Spedden U.F.A. Local was organized in February by Joseph Stelmaschuk, who was elected as its first Secretary. Severko Laskiw is the President.

Twelve members paid dues in the new Gilby Local, organized recently by Carl Axelson. Officers are G. Forsell and O. C. Thulson.

NO DECISION DEBATE

"Owing to the leader of the opposition being absent at our last meeting," writes Percy Howe, secretary of Allister U.F.A. Local, "no decision was given on the debate, 'Are Commercial Travellers Necessary?' The affirmative was ably supported by Mr. Wild, who proved the subject very interesting and worthy of consideration." At a social entertainment held last month this Local cleared over $17.00 for the funds.

WIDE AWAKE LOCAL

"Wide Awake U.F.A. Local held a very successful concert and quilt and cushion raffle recently," reports Alvin F. Luger, secretary, "and netted $65. The cushion was won by Mr. Lee, of Waterhole, 400 miles away, while the quilt went to N. Peter, of Camrose. Great credit is due to Mrs. Helmer Opper and Messrs. W. Brager and N. Peter for planning the concert, and to the Misses Olson and Clarence Olson for their splendid assistance. The ladies of Rosalind U.F.W.A. also contributed to the rummage sale."

LAUNCH WEED CAMPAIGN

A weed campaign was inaugurated by Strathcona Local on March 23rd, when W. J. Stephen, Field Crops Commissioner, gave the first of a series of four illustrated lectures on the growing of field crops and the eradication of weeds. The meeting was held in Ellerslie church, and was a real success, reports D. J. Christie, Secretary. "The ladies provided lunch, and our president, R. G. Simpson, auctioned off some boxes, while during lunch W. L. Walker entertained us with selections from the radio. We are off to the best start we have made in several years."

ATKINSON ACTIVITIES

Atkinson Local, organized early in March with L. A. Perry and Geo. W. Simpson as officers, held their second meeting on March 22nd. At this meeting, reports the secretary, organization was completed by the formation of program, social service, and publicity committees. A pie social and dance was arranged for March 23, and proved a great success. Cash receipts were $18.50. The pies sold briskly, $1.00 each being the limit.

A feature of the next meeting will be a paper on gardening by Mrs. M. N. Stearns.

WOODVILLE PRESENTS COMEDY

"The Adventures of Grandpa" a three-act comedy, was presented by members of the Woodville U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Locals before a large audience in the Recreation Hall, Viking, recently. Miss Ida Young, Mrs. C. E. Stearns, Mrs. R. R. Dodd, Mrs. A. W. Thompson, Miss Cathleen Wilson, Messrs. A. W. Thompson, H. B. Stearns, C. E. Stearns and C. R. Farrington were the members of the cast.

"The play as a whole was well balanced and well presented," says *The Viking News*. "Not a hitch marred the whole evening's entertainment. This goes to show that all the good actors do not live in towns or cities, and the Woodville U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. may well feel that they have contributed something to the life of the community and their own district."

JUNIOR CONFERENCE FUND, 1928

Previously acknowledged	$15.00
Mar. 29, Leduc U.F.W.A.	5.00
April 4, Coaldale U.F.W.A.	5.00
April 5, Wintering Hills U.F.A.	5.00
April 5, Calgary U.F.W.A.	5.00
April 9, Science Mound U.F.A.	5.00
April 9, Sunnydale U.F.A.	5.00
April 9, Ensign U.F.A.	5.00
April 9, Gleichen U.F.W.A.	5.00
April 9, Willowdale U.F.A.	5.00
Total	$65.00

RIVERTON vs. DEWBERRY

"Riverton Local this year sent a visitor to the U.F.A. Annual Convention, as well as a delegate, the Local paying the expenses of both, and recently an entertainment was organized to help pay these expenses. Besides musical numbers and a short sketch or two, a most successful debate was put on between teams representing the recently reorganized Dewberry Local and Riverton: 'Resolved that it is in the interest of Alberta to have a more aggressive immigration policy.' The judges awarded the decision to the negative side, Riverton, who are mighty hard to beat on their own battle ground. A. B. Wood and L. F. Green upheld the honors of Riverton, while H. Wood and J. Robson strove for a place in the sun for the new Dewberry Local. It is hoped that a return match will be arranged in the near future."—W. Skinner, secretary.

OFFICERS VISIT FENHAM

"Following the usual business of our last meeting," writes Geo. H. Humfrey, secretary of Fenham U.F.A. Local, "we had the pleasure of the attendance of Mrs. S. C. Harrington, Vice-President of Alexandra Provincial Association, S. T. Skinner, Director of Alexandra Provincial Association, and Walter Skinner, Vice-President of Battle River Federal Association. Mrs. Harrington gave us a most interesting address on the 'Benefits of a co-operative doctor in the community,' and also urged the need of a better equipped and up-to-date local hospital. Following Mrs. Harrington, Mr. S. T. Skinner in a pleasing maiden speech spoke on U.F.A. topics, and Alexandra Provincial Association work, and some future arrangements. The chairman then called on Mr. Walter Skinner, who spoke briefly, urging support for Battle River Association. Votes of thanks to these welcome visitors concluded a most instructive evening."

CORRECTION

Through an error an item in the April 2nd issue of *The U.F.A.* referred to A. Lunan as the Director for Camrose. Mr. Lunan, of course, is the Director for Vegreville.

An Appeal to Seniors for Junior Conference

By Miss E. M. Hull, Secretary U.F.A. Junior Branch

The U.F.A., the Alberta Wheat Pool, and many other organizations are at present carrying on a "Sow Better Seed" campaign. They are telling the farmers to sow better seed if they want to have good crops, and for the most part, the farmers realize the truth of this. They know that they cannot expect a bumper crop of No. 1 straight, if they do not sow seed that is clean and of high quality. But how about the farmers' children, and the seeds that are being planted in the fertile soil of their young minds? Will the farmers be as careful of that as they should be, seeing that it is clean and the best that can be procured? The harvest time comes all too soon with them—what will it yield YOUR children, or your neighbors' children?

I am appealing to you for the young boys and girls who live in your district, and who, because of their more or less isolation, have not the advantages and opportunities that boys and girls who live in towns or cities have. Character is formed during the first twenty-one years of life—mostly through contacts and influences outside the home. And the school is perhaps the place where most of that forming is done. In large town schools or colleges the boy or girl, because of the large number with whom he or she must come in contact, and live among, is taught unselfishness, co-operation and confidence in himself.

Valuable Contacts

Our country boys and girls do not have the same opportunities, but there is something that they can all attend, with very little cost, but with tremendous benefits—University Week. Here they have the contacts and outside influences that mean so much in the developing of character—they find that if they are selfish, thoughtless of others or have other unpleasant traits they are soon neglected and left alone. They find that they must be friendly, sociable, willing to help and co-operate to make the Week successful, if they are to have a good time. They see that the other boys and girls are willing to go half way or more but certainly not all of the way and even the shyest, most self-conscious boy or girl soon loses shyness, and gives himself up with a will to securing all the good possible during the week. If the boys and girls have any leadership talent they soon come to the fore and have a opportunity of developing that talent. For the most part they "keep on their best behaviour" for the honor of the Local they are representing, and so receive excellent training in self-discipline. They are "early to bed and early to rise", take their "daily dozen" every morning, make their own beds and keep their rooms tidy. And though last, certainly not least, they have the lectures—the boys on improved farming methods and the girls home economics. If you are anxious to see that your boys and girls get a chance to make something of their lives, if you want them to receive some of the advantages that you perhaps could not have, yet always longed for—let them enjoy this week at the University.

Or perhaps there is some boy or girl in your district whom you think would receive great benefit from this week—have your Local send him or her along. Altogether the cost is only about twenty dollars—a small amount indeed when one realizes the value received. Not only will the boy or girl benefit—but the whole neighborhood will feel the good results.

But don't forget to contribute to the Conference Fund whether you send a delegate to the Conference or not. If you do send one, the five dollars entitles him to share in the pool rate. If you do not send one, it will help some other boy or girl to take advantage of the great opportunity offered by reducing the railway expenses and thus cut down cost.

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Why Every Farmer and Farm Woman Should Be a Member of the U.F.A.

A Prize Paper Written by a Member of Tofield Local

Recently a prize for the best paper on "Seven Reasons Why Every Farmer Should Become and Remain a Loyal Member of the U.F.A." was offered by Raymond W. Pineau, of Tofield, Alberta. The winner was Mrs. Zoe Phillips, whose contribution is printed below.

1. The organized farmers' movement of Canada has for its supreme object the establishment of *Good Citizenship*. The movement is based upon the idea of unselfishness in three *different* fields. First of all three, the farmers' Locals; secondly, their Provincial Associations; and thirdly, their Canadian Council of Agriculture.

Surely this is the very best reason why every farmer should be a member of the U.F.A. and give it his very best support.

2. The great wheat marketing agency known as the Wheat Pool, owes its birth to the U.F.A., as do the other Pools.

The Wheat Pool today is the largest business in Canada and is entirely owned and controlled by the farmers of the Prairie Provinces.

One of the leaders in the Wheat Pool movement in the United States, who visited Alberta some little time ago, made the statement that it was through the lack of an organized body such as the U.F.A. that some of the attempts of American farmers to carry on co-operative marketing enterprises had failed. No co-operative marketing movement could be permanent, said this visitor, which was not based on an active body of farmers who were prepared to do things for themselves. Therefore the future of the Wheat Pool or any other economic enterprise launched by the farmers is dependent on the permanence of the U.F.A. for success.

3. With a small minority of the farmers as members, the U.F.A. has accomplished much for the advancement of agriculture. How much more might be done with a goodly majority. Mrs. Parlby, Minister without Portfolio in the Alberta Legislature, reminded us in her speech to the U.F.W.A. Annual Convention in Edmonton in 1927, that "any great country which allows its agricultural interests and rural life to deteriorate soon ceases to be great." Canada is essentially an agricultural country and it is up to the farmers to bring their occupation to the highest standard possible. In what better way can this be done than by organizing as a body with every farmer a member?

4. The U.F.A. as an organized body influences legislation as individuals could never do.

5. No other production business allows the broker or dealer to fix the price of its products. Only the farmer takes what is offered. Organized agriculture would not long submit to this system. Co-operation is the only weapon the farmer has to fight his battles or defend his interests. Here again the individual worker can do nothing.

6. The meetings of the Locals give the members excellent training in citizenship. They learn to think clearly and logically on the topics discussed and learn to express their own thoughts in public.

Good citizenship cannot be taught by text books.

7. Mental activity is stimulated at the meetings of the Locals through the contact of mind with mind, which is of benefit to the larger life of the nation in the fact that any stimulation of mental activity brings increased interest in public affairs. A thorough understanding of such must be reached before anything can be accomplished for the betterment of conditions either locally or nationally. The members learn by striving to better conditions in their own community to realize the needs of the nation and how to meet them. For the nation is simply a great many communities under one government. Learning to manage the business of the Local in a capable way is the first step in learning to manage the business of the nation.

If every farmer would join the organized farmers' movement of Canada during 1928 and give it his or her very best support, in the words of Mrs. Gunn, President of the U.F.W.A., "In a few years we would have a mighty irresistible force breaking down the barriers of selfishness and greed, dispersing the forces of autocracy and ushering in the new era, when humanity shall have made democracy safe for the world"—for "Service" is our watchword and "Equity" our motto.

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BATTLEVIEW ACTIVE

The members of the Battleview Local and their friends have enjoyed some very pleasant social evenings at their monthly meetings, which included two whist drives and a box social. The Local has added four new members to its numbers since the first of the year.

W. A. ALEXANDER,
Secretary.

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Don't forget the Junior Conference Fund. This is required to refund part or all of the delegates' railway fares.

VALUED MEMBER PASSES

Millerfield district has suffered a severe loss in the passing of Frank A. Moxley, one of its first settlers. Mr. Moxley has for years taken a real interest in all U.F.A. and community affairs, never failing in his zeal to give of his time and effort to all such matters.

W. J. GILBY,
Secretary, Millerfield Local.

STAVELY ANNUAL CONCERT

The Stavely Local of U.F.W.A. and U.F.A. had their annual concert and dance on March the 16th. It was well attended and brought us in, after all expenses were paid, $121.34, of which we gave half to the U.F.A. Local. We are having very fine meetings and new members are joining us all the time. We also had a U.F.A. rally in town and had some very eloquent speakers, amongst them being our U.F.W.A. Director, Mrs. Kiser, from High River. Her visit was very much enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. WM. RUSH,
Stavely, Alta. *Secretary.*

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RAISE DUES TO $3.50

During the winter the members of the Nisbet Local have had a number of very interesting meetings. A considerable number of important questions were thoroughly discussed. We also had a splendid social season from which we netted some sixty dollars. Our dues have been raised from $2 to $3.50 and we find that the results are well worth while, as the members feel as though they belong to a business-like organization when there is a substantial credit balance on the books.

W. D. NISBET,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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To Hold Co-operative Institute in June at Some Point in Alberta

Trustees of Wheat Board Surplus Fund Decide on Plan—Purpose of Institute

Plans for the holding of a co-operative institute at some point in Alberta during the coming summer took definite form as the result of a meeting of the trustees of the Wheat Board surplus fund which was held in Edmonton on Tuesday, April 10th. According to present arrangements the Institute of Co-operation will be held during the last week in June and a number of speakers who are outstanding authorities on various phases of co-operation in Canada and the United States have signified their intention of being present to address the gathering.

Committee to Act With Department

This action was decided upon some time ago by the board of trustees of the Wheat Board fund in Alberta. Members of this board are Hon. George Hoadley, chairman; N. S. Clarke, Didsbury; A. F. Moan, Wetaskiwin; Ben Plumer, Bassano; Dr. D. A. McGibbon, University of Alberta, and R. G. English, of the Provincial Government. The Department of Agriculture has been asked by this committee to take in hand the organization of the Institute of Co-operation and the following committee has been named to act with the Department in an advisory capacity: H. A. Craig, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, chairman; D. A. McCannel, Provincial Publicity Commissioner

Secretary; R. O. German, representing the Alberta Wheat Pool; A. B. Claypool, M.L.A., for the Alberta Co-operative Livestock Producers; D. M. Malin for the Provincial Poultry Pool; A. F. Moan for the co-operative stores; J. R. Love, M.L.A., for the Provincial Dairy Pool; H. E. G. H. Scholefield for the U.F.A.; and Dr. McGibbon, Professor of Economics at the University of Alberta.

Detailed arrangements for the program of the Institute will be undertaken immediately. The point at which the Institute will be held will be decided to some extent by the number of farmers and others in the Province who plan to attend.

It is expected that some provisions will be made to give financial assistance by way of transportation to delegates attending the conference.

The Institute will serve to clarify thought concerning the real goals of co-operative endeavor, to analyse the experience thus far accumulated and to develop leaders and workers who can effectively serve the future needs of the movement. Practical experience and knowledge will be pooled for mutual benefit and the advancement of sound co-operation. Sections of the program will be devoted to the work of the various pools now in operation in Alberta and those in attendance will be able to attend the meetings in which they are most interested.

General Objects of Institute

The Institute is being organized with the following general objects in view:

1. To collect and make available a body of knowledge concerning the co-operative movement in Canada and abroad.
2. To serve as a means of clarifying thought as to what the co-operative movement really is and of bringing about more harmony and unity of action among organizations directly or indirectly connected with co-operation.
3. To serve as a means of training and developing leaders and workers in the co-operative movement.
4. To focus the spirit of the co-operative movement as a means of community and national development.

NO STANDARDIZED OPINION

I would no more dream of offering my opinion as a sure and certain guide to other people than I would dream of offering them my shoes as a sure and certain model in footwear.—St. John Ervine.

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"It is a platitude that the more a man learns the more he realizes how little he knows. . . . . Education may not end in doubt, but it ends when a man stops doubting."—Everett Dean Martin.

Clear Warning Issued Against Use as Seed of Wheat Left Unthreshed Through Winter

Minister of Agriculture Stresses Serious Danger—What Germination Tests Show—Wheat Pool Reiterates Advice to All Members re Germination Tests

MINISTER'S WARNING

Hon. Geo. Hoadley, in an interview with *The U.F.A.*, stated that he wished clearly to point out to the farmers of Southern Alberta who were unfortunate in not having their wheat threshed last fall (and who have since threshed it or intend to do so, and expect to use the same for seed), that such wheat is unfit to use for the reason that the germination is not suitable.

Germination tests made by the Dominion Seeds Branch at Calgary on a large number of samples of wheat threshed within the past couple of months, show results from zero to 80 per cent, many samples testing around 30 per cent in six days and very few testing as high as 80 per cent in 12 days.

Under adverse climatic conditions this spring a poor crop is inevitable unless good strong seed is sown. Many farmers sold all of the grain they had threshed last fall, expecting to have more threshed shortly and to save their seed from that. Unfavorable weather conditions prevented the same, and certain districts now find themselves short of good seed.

To meet the needs thus developing, the Department of Agriculture have got into touch with firms handling grain and grain seed, including the Pools, and these concerns are ready to ship seed to any point providing the demand is known. Mr. Hoadley suggested that every farmer interested should immediately make his wants known to the local elevator or through the U.F.A. or other association.

GERMINATION TEST IMPORTANT

(By Pool Publicity Department)

A real menace confronts Alberta farmers in the matter of seed grain to be planted this spring. Tests show that wheat threshed this spring is very low in germination. If there is any widespread seeding of this wheat, serious losses will assuredly result.

Some of this wheat is of good appearance, but actual tests show a decided deficiency in virile qualities. No farmer would deliberately plant "dead" seed. To be on the safe side, secure a germination test.

It requires approximately fourteen days to secure a germination test, so farmers should not delay in sending in their samples of seed. Even wheat that germinates 88 in 12 days under laboratory conditions is an unsafe proposition.

Tests Without Charge

Germination tests may be secured without charge on sending a sample to the Department of Agriculture, Seed Branch, Immigration Building, Calgary. Where a farmer sends in a sample for germination test only, no charge is made up to the third sample sent. For the fourth sample a charge of 50 cents is made.

Gordon Stewart, who is in charge of the Seed Branch, states his staff is working under unusually heavy pressure at present, and if any farmer wants to save time and relieve conditions at this branch somewhat, he can make a germination test of his own grain. The method is this: Take 100 grains fairly representative of the seed wheat to be tested. See that this wheat is dry before testing. Plant in the moist earth and place in a window with southern exposure. Count the number of plants that come up in 6 to 12 days. If 90 per cent come up this is satisfactory.

A warning as to the serious condition of affairs came first from W. H. Fairfield, superintendent of the Experimental Farm at Lethbridge. Mr. Fairfield had tests made which ranged from 21 to 75 per cent. Sheaves threshed which had lain on the ground all winter gave absolutely no germination, although the sample did not appear so badly damaged.

Seed for Pool Members

The Board of Directors of the Alberta Pool on being advised of the conditions existing, by Mr. Fairfield, took steps to point out the menace to Alberta farmers. C. M. Hall, Superintendent of Pool Elevators has notified all Pool elevator agents to hold wheat in store threshed last fall and known to be good seed. This wheat may be obtained from the Pool Elevators by Pool members at a fixed price. Elevator agents are instructed to warn farmers of the danger of buying seed that has not been tested. There is plenty of good seed in Alberta and arrangements will be made to see that all Pool members may obtain seed of good germinating qualities.

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MORAL EDUCATION

"It is precisely in regard to matters which most deeply stir the public conscience that the educated man will be on his guard. He will not be easily bullied into surrendering his private judgment to public opinion. He will not permit the big words of herd morality to scare him away from the consideration of cold facts. Before a man can think for himself he must have learned to think at all. *There is only one sound method of moral education. It is in teaching people to think.*"—E. D. Martin.

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Late U.F.W.A. News

SOUNDING LAKE U.F.W.A.

Mrs. Agnes M. Muddle and Mrs. Ethel M. White were elected officers of the new Sounding Lake U.F.W.A. Local, which will meet in the members' homes. These women formerly belonged to a community club, but decided to affiliate with the U.F.W.A., writes the secretary.

CONTRIBUTE TO CONFERENCE

At the last regular meeting of Calgary U.F.W.A. Local it was decided to contribute $5.00 to the Junior Conference fund. Answers to the questions on co-operative marketing were prepared by Mrs. Oblano, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. German, Mrs. Sibbald, Miss E. Birch and Miss Hull. These are being forwarded to Mrs. Christie, convenor of Co-operative Marketing.

TO DRAFT PROGRAM

Bow Island U.F.W.A. Local intend to draw up a program for the balance of the year. Three members are made responsible for the social hour with the U.F.A. members following each regular meeting. A demonstration on flower making occupied the greater part of the time at the last meeting. A dance put on by this Local in March was very successful, reports Mrs. Stella L. Mack, secretary, the proceeds amounting to $66.25.

Government and Group Representation

Group representation in Parliament has formed the subject of an important discussion in the House of Commons during the present session. The principle of group organization and group representation in political affairs, for which the United Farmers of Alberta have stood since they entered the field of independent political action, has thus become, through the publication of press reports in all parts of Canada, a matter of Dominion-wide interest and discussion. It has been the subject of editorial discussion by many newspapers, including the "Ottawa Citizen" and the "Manitoba Free Press."

Below we give a number of selections from Hansard, portions of which were quoted by "The Farmers' Sun", the official organ of the United Farmers of Ontario. "The Sun" points out that the U.F.O. (like the U.F.A.) have officially adopted the principle of direct representation for Agriculture in Parliament and the Legislature, and adds, "The vigor with which the traditional party system was attacked during the course of the recent budget debate at Ottawa indicates that electoral reform will, in due course, become a very live issue."

Brief extracts from the speeches follow:

Miss Agnes C. Macphail

(U.F.O., Southeast Grey)

Politics is a business, and Agriculture being the basic industry in Canada, the most important single industry in the country, has a perfect right to find for itself honest and above-board representation in this house. I should not like to say that only functional or occupational groups should come to this house, but I do think that the two parties are simply that. I would not say that others should not come, but I do say that we live in an age of functional organization; and since political life is only a reflection of economic life it is only reasonable that these new class, or economic, or occupational groups in the country should seek reflection in the House of Commons and should not find it necessary—certainly I do not—to apologize for their place here.

New Method Must Be Found

When we have electoral reform, when the Canadian people grasp the idea more clearly, particularly when they know that the old parties are simply systems under which class groups operate, we shall see an increase in groups. The day will come when the members of our group, the members of the Labor group, will increase, and when other groups not now named will appear and find representation in this chamber. When that happens the new groups will be too strong for either of the old parties to command a majority, and carry on the government of the country in the old way. Modifications will have to be made and a new method found. *It does seem to me exceedingly reasonable that the House of Commons and not the Prime Minister should decide when there should be a dissolution. Why should power be put into the hands of one man to determine when there shall be a dissolution of Parliament and when the people of the country shall be called upon to bear the expenses of a general election?* I know that some people have the idea that those of us who say these things are cranks. We are not. I am not saying, of course, that I am not, but I certainly say emphatically that the Canadian people are thinking new thoughts and that to them it does not seem at all reasonable that things should be as they are. Our institutions, whether educational, or political, will change to meet the needs of changing times. That is only natural. I see no reason why we should not have a change in the form of our governmental institution to meet the changing views of the people.

T. W. Bird

(Progressive, Nelson)

Group representation is more than a theory to be defended. It is a fact to be explained and to be understood, a fact that may be put to varying concrete tests, and I shall for a short time invite the House to join me in putting the idea of economic group representation to certain practical tests. First of all, let us look back and ask ourselves whether the economic idea in politics is not consistent with the development of Parliamentary practice under the British system of constitutional government. I want to say emphatically that for the past hundred years the economic conception in politics has dominated and moulded British political life. Before that time undoubtedly there were political parties in existence, but those parties had no relation to parties as we understand them now; they represented a purely caste system in which the people had neither part nor lot.

That was the age in which the party spirit dominated English public life. We go back to the time when, after the revolution, roundhead and cavalier—blessings upon their heads! because the warfare they carried on was real—gave way to Whig and Tory. From that moment the British people were committed to three generations of stagnation, not only in their political life, but in every phase of their existence with perhaps the one exception of material progress.

In Eighteenth Century

But so far as material progress in the eighteenth century is concerned, it was associated with such practices as most of us of British birth blush to remember. I do not need to mention the horrible slave trade. Even the material advance of England at that time was a thing to be mentioned in a hushed breath. That was the age in which party politics blighted almost everything it touched. It froze up, it contaminated the very springs of British life; it did not leave even religion, art or literature untouched. Very fortunately that period came to a sudden and inglorious end in the French revolution and in the Napoleonic wars which followed. When the smoke of battle had rolled away the young giant of democracy was discovered stretching its mighty limbs and rubbing its drowsy eyes; and the most surprising thing of all was that out of its awakening heart there gushed forth a song more entrancing than anything that had been heard since Milton sang so gloriously the song of liberty. Those were the days when not only the political life and the economic life of England witnessed a rejuvenation, but when the very heart of England revived. I say that wherever an insincere party system is clamped upon a people it contaminates everything in the national life; nor can it help doing so. If you play upon the sincerity of the people and present to them alternatives that mean nothing, sooner or later you dry up the very springs of national life. . . .

But even in the eighteenth century there were people who penetrated the insincerity of parties. Dean Swift, another Irishman who believed in group government, in his story of Gulliver, pours his vitriolic scorn upon the party system of that day. Gulliver went to Lilliput where he discovered that there were two parties of the old stamp: there

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The "Golden" Age

By BERT HUFFMAN

O Beauteous Vision of the Patriot band—
Freedom and Justice and Untrammelled Law—
Chaos has come and laid upon your land
A whispered terror and a speechless awe.
The reeking paganism of unbridled Greed;
The shameless face, the brazen eyes of Lust;
Ill-gotten wealth in which these vipers breed,
To crush the Soul of Mankind to the dust!

Ambition drives his chariot o'er the oppressed,
(A Roman emperor drunk on blood and wine),
And Sophistry, as some wild jester dressed,
Laughs at the Dreamer and his lamp divine.
Gold is enthroned. His wish, his word commands
The grovelling nations. Visionless and dumb
To every higher ideal of the hungry soul
His puppet vassals drive the tortured lands
Headlong, unthinking, to Hell's hopeless goal.

But here and there among the wreck and din
Far-seeing Souls are peering through the dark
To rescue Hope and Faith and Love, and bring them in
And breathe into their dying embers some faint spark.
Far-seeing eyes of those who love the Right
And daring hands of those who have no Fear,
Are sifting out the fragments of lost Light—
The shapeless Soul of Truth, that once was dear!

While all around, the reeking, wild parade
Bellows its triumph down the shuddering world—
And millions follow, hungry and afraid,
Their timid souls in its blind fury hurled!
Still, patiently, beside dim altar fires
Strong, fearless souls, banned to their hidden lairs,
Are carving into symmetry Man's high Desires,
In some mad haste to unveil them, unawares!

Langdon, Alta., February 1, 1928.

News from Alberta Wheat Pool Head Office

Information for Members and Locals Issued by the Department of Education and Publicity of the Alberta Wheat Pool.

Coarse Grains Pool

Opportunity for Growers to Form Pool

The opportunity is now available for Alberta farmers to form a Coarse Grains Pool to be operated on the same basis as the Wheat Pool. All that is required is for a sufficient number of coarse grain producers to sign contracts. If a fair percentage of these contracts are signed, the formation and operation of a Coarse Grains Pool will be undertaken by the Alberta Wheat Pool.

The Wheat Pool's organization is in a position to efficiently and economically operate a Coarse Grains Pool and little extra expense will be entailed.

Saskatchewan and Manitoba have Coarse Grain Pools and the Central Selling Agency handled the selling end on a flat charge of 1-4 of a cent a bushel last year. The same agency would sell the grain for an Alberta Coarse Grains Pool, if organized.

Coarse Grains contracts (green in color as compared to the orange Wheat Pool contracts) have been sent out to all Wheat Pool members. Those desirous of selling their oats, barley, rye and flax on a pooling basis, commencing with the 1928 crop, should sign these contracts at once and mail to the head office of the Wheat Pool. If a contract is desired, write in for one. Coarse Grains contracts cover a period of five years from August, 1928, running concurrently with the Second Series Wheat Pool Contract.

Results of Operations

The Manitoba and Saskatchewan Coarse Grains Pools have been operated with considerable success. During the 1926-27 crop year, the following amounts of these grains were sold by the Central Selling Agency:

Oats	6,995,719	bushels
Barley	11,681,171	bushels
Flax	1,365,918	bushels
Rye	2,550,345	bushels
Total	22,593,153	bushels

The average prices obtained were:

Oats, 2 C.W.	.60¼
Barley, 3 C.W.	.71¼
Flax, 1 N.W.	1.92
Rye, 2 C.W.	.97¼

In the annual report of the Directors of the Central Selling Agency, the following statement is made: "We believe that the results attained this year (1926-27) clearly demonstrate that by using Pool methods and marketing the grain through an organization such as our own, very considerable economies are effected for the producer, which are reflected in the final price.

"Undoubtedly the members of the Coarse Grains Pools of Saskatchewan and Manitoba saved a very large amount of money in excess of the payments made by the Grain Trade."

Saskatchewan's Experience

The Western Producer, the organ of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, in a recent issue, gives an idea of the operation of the Coarse Grains Pool in that Province. We quote from the article:

"No one who has taken the trouble to enquire can avoid the conclusion that the Coarse Grains Pool has done in its own smaller, but nevertheless effective way, what the larger Wheat Pool has done in a more spectacular and notable manner. It has brought under the control of one central selling agency a comparatively large volume of oats, barley, flax and rye and has merchandised these coarse grains much more effectively than was ever done before under the old system of hit and miss selling. The domestic markets for these coarse grains have been utilized more efficiently than they ever were before; and what is specially promising for the future is the fact that possibilities for new markets for coarse grains which will react in favor of the producer, have been and are now being explored by the central selling agency. This feature of the Coarse Grains Pool, coupled with the fact that the domestic distribution of coarse grains is now being placed on a more efficient basis goes far to prove the statement that if commodity co-operative marketing for wheat is found to be equitable it is equally right for coarse grains."

Coarse Grains in Alberta

Alberta is a large producer of coarse grains. The estimated crops for 1926 and 1927 are:

	1926		1927	
	Bus.	Acres	Bus.	Acres
Oats	57,210,000	1,967,155	101,163,000	2,265,000
Barley	8,500,000	461,992	12,000,000	400,000
Flax	42,000	11,777	202,000	12,597
Rye	1,314,000	111,608	3,131,000	136,347

An Important Clause

In order to overcome objections, in cases of unusual local demand for seed and feed oats creating high prices in certain districts at times, a clause has been inserted in the Coarse Grains Contract allowing the grower, under permit from the Board of Directors, to dispose of grain to any person. This clause is as follows:

> "10. Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, the grower may retain grain for his own food, seed and feed and may, upon first receiving a permit in writing from the Association, dispose of grain directly to any person. All other grain, except registered seed grain, shall be sold by and through the Association only."

The extension of the Pool elevator system and the perfecting of the Pool organization will enable the Wheat Pool to handle the coarse grains on a basis that will be profitable to the producers.

A Natural Deduction

It has been related that private grain firms have declared that as long as they can handle coarse grains in Alberta, they are not worrying over the operations of the Wheat Pool. This must mean that there is considerable profit in handling and selling coarse grains, or these companies, organized for profit, would not be so interested. The Pool, operating on a cost basis, is not concerned with profits. It is concerned with securing for its members the greatest possible returns for their products.

The growers of coarse grains in Alberta should consider the facts of the case and make up their minds to market the results of their labors in their own way. Until they do, they will always be more or less at the mercy of profit-seeking organizations.

CO-OPERATION FACES A NEW EPOCH OF ENDEAVOR

Dr. E. G. Nourse, head of the agricultural section of the Institute of Economics, sees co-operative marketing as having reached the settling down period. "The period of post war hysteria has largely passed," says he, "and co-operation is settling down to a new epoch of larger endeavor but one based on hard-headed and hard-working business achievement."

Co-operation is a major plank in the Government's program and has been accepted by the large banks of the great financial centres as well as by the smaller local institutions; similarly, the railroads and various trade interests are coming to work with the business co-operatives, according to Dr. Nourse.

"Finally, co-operation is building up a regular educational machinery of its own and in the schools, without which a democratic movement based on a high quality of personal membership participation cannot hope to succeed," said this educator and economist. "This is a slow process and our efforts here are building for the next generation quite as much as for this. History shows that each succeeding wave of co-operative effort, however much froth and foam there might be at its crest, has established a new high-water mark of achievement for organized agriculture. We are now floundering somewhere in the trough of the breakers that swept the country in 1915-22. But I believe we are about to see calmer seas, and a steadily rising tide of co-operative success."—*The Sunstar Courier.*

PRODIGIES

The Western Producer.—A prodigy is an individual who can do something so much better than anyone else that only about one in ten million can do it as well. Obviously there are few such people, so few in fact that none of us in the Wheat Pool may reasonably hope to do anything prodigious, or even to claim a prodigy as one of our distant relatives. Yet there are farmers in Saskatchewan who, consciously or otherwise, virtually make claim to such astounding cleverness in the marketing of wheat as to class themselves with those exceedingly rare human beings whom we call prodigies.

It taxes the extreme limit of the ability of most of us to be successful producers of high quality farm products. The skill, the science, the patience, the energy and the pride in achievement necessary to wrest from the forces of nature a high yielding crop of first class quality, is so great as to tax to the utmost the human ability of any one of us. To be a successful producer in the best sense of the word is a great thing. Only a prodigy could be fully successful in both the production and the marketing of such a crop of wheat.

For the lone individual to successfully market an infinitesimal share of the world's wheat crop on a world market is a matter of guess work. It is a gamble. It is certainly not scientific marketing or merchandising. It is as much as any one of ten average producers can do to market his wheat reasonably well to one of ten buyers with whom he can easily get in touch. For one of the hundreds of thousands of wheat growers in a score of countries to market his crop intelligently among the twenty-five or more importing countries of the world, is as hopeless a proposition as tilting at windmills.

The primary virtue of co-operative marketing methods is their common sense foundation. What one man cannot do alone, ten men may do together. Simple as it is, this summarizes the entire philosophy of co-operative wheat marketing.

Importance of Maintaining Quality in Canadian Wheat

From the standpoint of selling Canadian wheat, the Wheat Pool is intensely interested in the quality of the product of its members' farms.

Pool salesmen realize keenly that in order to obtain the best possible prices, the quality of Canadian wheat must be kept at a high standard.

If it was a case of merely handling the wheat and selling on a commission basis, the Pool might possibly not be so keenly interested. The wheat can always be sold for some price and it would make little difference to a concern organized on that basis whether the quality was high or low.

The Wheat Pool was brought into being for a purpose infinitely more advanced. Its task is to efficiently market its members' wheat, getting for it every possible cent. Hence the organization is anxious to see the quality of our wheat maintained.

Marquis the Standard

It is generally accepted that Marquis is the standard of Canadian wheat. It has been upon the Marquis that the reputation of Canadian wheat has been built up in wheat importing countries. For that reason Marquis is recommended, where conditions are favorable for its growth.

Of course there are sections of Western Canada where other varieties give better results. Thus the seeding of Marquis could hardly be recommended for the entire West. But it must be acknowledged that Marquis reigns supreme as a "general" variety.

Marquis wheat is a cross between Red Fife and Hard Red Calcutta, and was originated by Dr. Wm. Saunders. By a process of elimination Dr. Saunders developed the superior Marquis which has made the name of Western Canada world-famous as a wheat growing area. Approximately seventy-five per cent of the area under wheat in Western Canada is sown with Marquis.

Prelude wheat ripens two weeks ahead of Marquis, produces a hard red kernel of high baking quality and a short straw. Unfortunately it is not very productive.

Garnet Wheat

Garnet wheat was placed on the market in the spring of 1926. It has many desirable qualities and it appears entitled to a place among good milling wheats. It matures from 10 to 12 days earlier than Marquis, is more productive and stronger in the straw than Ruby, but Government experts claim that from the standpoint of milling and baking qualities, Garnet does not rank as high as Marquis. Flour made from Garnet has a yellow tinge. Where an early maturing wheat is required, Garnet is adjudged to be a satisfactory kind.

British Millers' Opinion

The following article from *Milling*, of Liverpool, the principal European milling journal, fairly outlines the importance of maintaining the quality of Canadian wheat:

"The Canadian farmers who visited this country earlier in the year have reached their respective homes, with happy memories of their tour. One of the lessons they have taken back with them to their farms is that they have an incomparable wheat, the quality of which they must guard as jealously as their reputation. Whilst it is a country of boundless wealth, Canada has in the wheat crop of the Prairie Provinces an article of commerce that is the envy of the civilized world in its milling value. There has been a fear in recent seasons, however, that Canadian farmers have been disregarding quality, and if they are unaware of the serious effect of any sustained policy of that kind, it is not the fault of the merchants and millers with whom they came into contact in this country. Both formally and informally, they were told why their wheat is wanted above all other wheats, and that they must be watchful not only that it is not degraded by any neglect of their own, but by others engaged in its despatch to Europe. One of the formal addresses of which nothing has been heard publicly was given by Mr. James V. Rank, Vice-President of the National Association of British and Irish Millers. Mr. Rank reminded the visitors that their wheat, with all its outstanding qualities, was still subject to the competition of the rest of the world, and that if its price reached a point which was relatively above its commercial value in comparison with other wheats available, millers would be compelled to cut their coats according to the cloth that is available.

Russia a Rival

"The quality of the wheat for which Canada is famous, Mr. Rank remarked, is that of strength, and since the reduction of supplies from Russia, Canadian farmers have enjoyed in that respect a somewhat preferential position. The disruption in Russia will not always remain a feature to be reckoned with, and sooner or later (possibly sooner than some of us think, said Mr. Rank, parenthetically), a sufficiently stable form of government may arise in that country to enable exports to be resumed on a scale to be reckoned with. Mr. Rank's purpose in making that statement was to inform the visitors that in the event of further and larger supplies of Russian wheat coming on to the market, high prices for Canadian wheat will depend entirely on its quality. 'I say this with emphasis,' Mr. Rank proceeded, 'because there are many varieties of Russian wheat which will successfully replace practically the best classes of Manitoban wheat, but also, and more from the fact that, under normal conditions, unlimited quantities of Russian wheat would compete quite successfully with many of the wheats we have been receiving graded two's and three's during the past two years.' It has been observed that there is a marked tendency to mix soft wheat with the stronger and harder varieties in Canada, and Mr. Rank said he would not be using too strong an expression when he said that a continuance of this policy would be a most injurious one in the interests of Canadian farmers. Mr. Rank realized that the growers encountered difficulties which might tempt them to do things they ought not to do, and that was why, for the sake of the character of Canadian wheat, and bearing in mind the possibility of larger supplies of Russian wheat in the future, he did excellent service, both to growers and millers, in emphasizing the fatal folly of sacrificing quality to expediency.

Damaged in Drying

"Mr. Rank concluded his observations by referring to the drying of wheat. He allowed that wheat has been harvested under difficult conditions during the last two seasons, but pointed out that unskillful drying had been attended with most unfortunate, almost disastrous results to the millers who used the wheat. His own firm had got hold of one or more of the parcels that had been artificially dried in Canada, with very unsatisfactory results to their business, and he informed the growers thereof so that they should understand and realise that clumsy conditioning or drying might easily spoil the resultant wheat for flour making purposes. Millers generally will agree with Mr. Rank's remarks, which were necessary, and which were delivered with the kindliest of intentions. Canadian wheat has occupied a predominant position for a good many years, and when the chief challenger is absent, it encourages a disposition that is likely to be disabling to the reputation of the premier wheat. It is against that failing that Canadian growers must be vigilant, and in view of recent experiences, Mr. Rank really did the best thing he could have done in reminding the visitors, with a certain amount of remorseless logic, that they are the custodians of their own interests. There is a tendency on these occasions to put rather too much sugar on the pill, so that the compound fails to act when it is taken, but Mr. Rank confined his remarks to a frank statement of the position, and thus achieved what might not have been possible by any other process."

NO PLACE FOR SECRECY

We still find a few managers of co-operatives and a few directors who believe that the way to run a concern of this sort is to keep the membership as much in the dark as possible. More sensible managers and directors have found that this is the best way to invite dissension, decrease patronage and incur bankruptcy. J. W. Jones, of the Department of Agriculture, made a good statement on this the other day which is worth reading by anyone who has any connection with a co-operative institution. Mr. Jones said:

"Secrecy is bad policy. Members often get notions and then communicate these notions as facts and these supposed facts may be more unfavorable than the real facts. Recent studies in membership relations have shown, for example, that when co-operatives have not published information regarding salaries paid their officers, members have imagined that the salaries were as much as five times what they actually were and have criticized the management for being extravagant in the matter of paying the officers. No matter how unfavorable the facts are which are concealed, in the absence of real information, rumors will greatly exaggerate the situation and the atmosphere of suspicion and distrust resulting will be even more damaging than the unfavorable truth."

A co-operative that follows the policy of telling its members the truth will have its troubles but it will get over them. The main asset of any co-operative is the confidence of its members. A policy of secrecy puts that asset on the junk heap.—*Wallace's Farmer.*

Pool Radio Column

Wheat Pool Locals

The following Wheat Pool Locals have been organized:

Woodville Wheat Pool Local with C. E. Farrington, of Viking, as Secretary; and Spring Creek Wheat Pool Local, George Lobatiuk, of Vegreville, as secretary.

Favors CFAC

H. Fox, Consort, Alberta.—I wrote you some time ago re your broadcast. Last Friday was the clearest and best ever I heard you over the radio. As I told you before, CFAC night is far ahead of CFCN.

Enthusiastic Supporter

J. Garfield Baker, Bittern Lake, Alta.—I write to express appreciation of your broadcast on Wednesday evening, and to congratulate the Glee Club on their very nice program. I always enjoy your broadcast and am an enthusiastic supporter of the Pool system.

Wants Longer Program

W. E. Dell and wife, Munson, Alta.—Enjoyed the numbers rendered by the Pool Elevators' Glee Club very much on Wednesday evening, especially the one "The Sweetheart of Sig Machi." Only wish the programs were longer. Please extend to the members of the Club our sincere appreciation and thanks.

Letter From Warner

A. Soice of Soice Bros., Warner, Alta.—As a regular listener of the Pool broadcast I would like to have you send me the article on how the farmer can protect himself in wheat grading as you mentioned on Wednesday night. I enjoyed your program very much. Hoping and wishing the Wheat Pool a long successful business.

"Gnashing of Teeth"

Chas. J. M. Dickson, Didsbury, Alta.—We enjoy the Pool broadcast very much—always try to listen in to it. Yes, just keep on giving us things that are constructive and instructive. There shall be gnashing of teeth (that is for the Grain Dealers Combine). Long live the Wheat Pool and her sister Pools!

Elevators' Glee Club

The Wheat Pool Elevators' Glee Club will give a concert over the air, Wednesday April 18th. This musical organization is composed of employees of the Wheat Pool Elevators, Limited. Their first program was presented over CFCN on March 28th and was very well received by Pool members. The personnel of the Glee Club is: Miss Johnson, Miss Sartoris, and Messrs. Vic Valentine, Charlie Innis, Bert Johnson and Leo Trainor.

Glee Club Good

A. J. Groner, Willowbluff Farm, Lougheed, Alta.—In reference to the Glee Club which you put on the air last Wednesday night, it was good, and when I say good I mean good. I have been ill all winter and listen from 8 to 10 hours every day, and in that time hear much and many kinds—some as good but nothing better than the Glee Club. Tell Mr. Bishop to come again, he is rather a novelty and I liked it much. Bring everybody or anyone, they're all good.

Wants Copy of Radio Address

Miss J. Latimer, New Norway, Alta.—I enjoy hearing your Wheat Pool talks over the radio very much, and also your musical programs. Last night I did not hear all your program, as our radio was not working very good. I understand you are sending out a pamphlet on how the farmer can protect himself (I am not quite sure if that is right). I am not a Wheat Pool member but my father is. I would like to have one of your pamphlets if you are sending any out. Thanking you for your trouble and your weekly programs.

Liked R. A.'s. Speech

Mr. Wm. Gibson, Delia, Alta.—Your Glee Club program broadcasted on the evening of March 27th, was a splendid entertainment. My friends and I enjoyed it very much, especially the address delivered by Mr. R. A. MacPherson. This was certainly an inspiration to me as a booster for the Wheat Pool. The Pool was fortunate in being able to send to Europe as its representative a man of Mr. MacPherson's ability. His personality would inspire confidence in all with whom he came in contact in the interests of the Pool.

Looks Over Pool System

Mr. Gray Silver, vice-president of the Federated Fruit and Vegetable Growers, whose head office is in New York, recently arrived in Calgary and has been looking over the Alberta Wheat Pool system here. Mr. Silver states that the co-operative organization with which he is connected operates in 42 states of the Union and is one of the largest of its kind in the United States. Mr. Silver lives in West Virginia, and was induced to make the trip to Western Canada to look over the Wheat Pool system because of the favorable publicity given the Canadian organization in the United States.

Likes Glee Club

A. C. Long, Twining, Alberta.—I listened in for your Glee Club concert last night. It came in as clear as a bell; also enjoyed your talk as well as Mr. MacPherson of Delia. I am sure that Mr. MacPherson had a wonderful trip and did great work for our Pool when over in Europe. It is such men as he that will make our Pool a success. Your talk on the different methods a farmer can choose about selling his wheat was very interesting, and am sure that the farmers as a whole will benefit by it. In conclusion I might say that I am the Pool agent at this point. I have heard all of your broadcasts this winter and enjoyed them very much. Wednesday night is a better night to broadcast than Firday night—am glad that you made the change. Here's wishing the Glee Club the best of success, and hoping to hear them again.

Hurrahs for Holland

Mr. Edward Calon, Michichi, Alta.—Commenting on your broadcast of last night, I find this a very good change from Friday. I enjoyed very much the little speech from Mr. MacPherson. The new Glee Club also did very well. For an organization like the Alberta Wheat Pool it seems ridiculous when they come around once a week with their whole *half hour* program. I have wondered a long time about this; a few weeks ago, however, you made the remark that they were nearly all Scotch down at the Pool office, I mean the officials, well, of course, that explains things! Ever since the Pool started I have watched that concern, and got all the information I could possibly get. To my humble judgment 1925 was the Pool's bad year and I surely did feel as if I never would sign a Wheat Pool contract. 1926 and 1927, however, have been banner years, and when big authorities like the *London Times*, etc., gave the Pool credit for the steady prices, I became a convert and signed one of the new series contracts a couple of weeks before the New Year. I can assure you that I now am a 100 per cent Pool member and will do whatever I can to get the very few that have not signed around here to also change their minds. With the very good connection in Europe of which Mr. MacPherson spoke last night we ought to go right ahead. Being a Hollander I am proud to know that our little country bought 13,000,000 bushels off the Pool last year. Yours for a strong Pool.

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CARL AXELSON WRITES IN REPLY TO HOBLEY

I was much surprised some time ago to see a press report published in the "Pool News" section of *The U.F.A.* dealing with an address by Mr. A. H. Hobley, director of the Co-operative Wholesale Society of Britain to a party of Canadian Farmers at a luncheon tendered by said society at Manchester, January 18th, 1928, without comment.

This speech, although friendly in the main, need be carefully analyzed. We are told by Mr. Hobley that "the idea is that the farmers shall, at least, obtain the cost of production for their wheat. We think, however, that the time has arrived when the Canadian farmers should face the question as to what the cost of production really is, and they should be willing to part with their wheat, providing they are getting a small margin over the cost of production. The great idea in growing wheat should not be to make a fortune, but to make a good living and render good service to mankind."

Furthermore Mr. Hobley states that: "From information that is available it would appear that the price of wheat at the present time could be on a lower basis without farmers in Canada losing money on the growing of it. Your own Canadian newspapers state that the farmers are getting good profits on their wheat.

From these quotations it is obvious that Mr. Hobley doesn't understand the subject that he is talking about. Perhaps he may be pardoned for that, the source of his information—the Canadian newspapers—is not what is ever reliable.

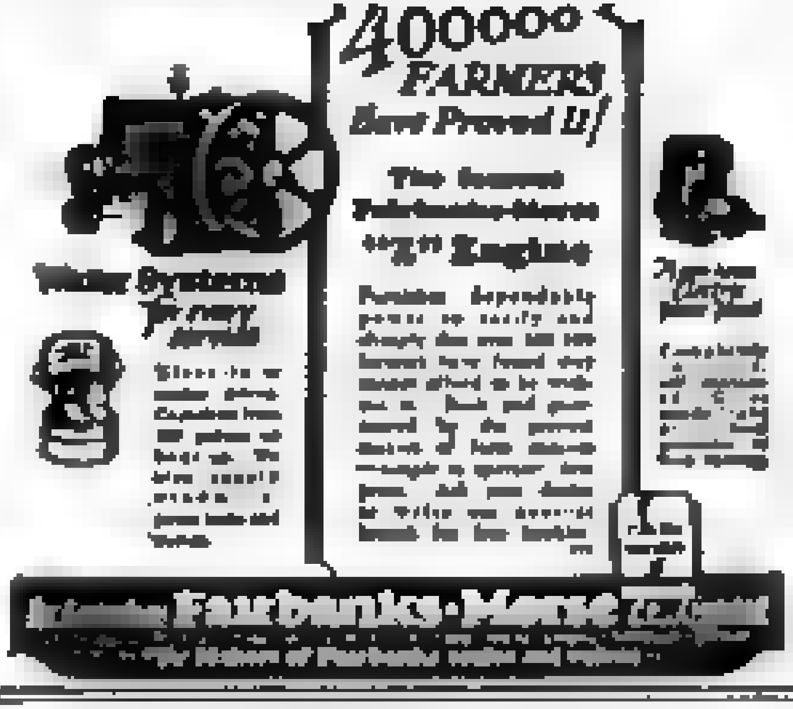
For the state of affairs the farmers of Canada and of Alberta in particular are largely responsible. It is generally assumed that a wave of prosperity has struck [illegible]. In Alberta attempts have been made to prove it. From the Department of Agriculture statistics the gross value of the production of agricultural commodities in 19[illegible] amounted to [illegible] which, divided equally between over 77,000 farmers would bring an income per farm of $[illegible]. It is briefly, is the report of the government.

[illegible] are prepared to admit that these figures are [illegible], but will say that they are very misleading. For instance if we would calculate the expenses incurred in getting such income the net result would look quite a different one. In fact [illegible] brought before the farmers' [illegible] be [illegible] the farmers as a class don't receive the cost of production through the [illegible] and sale of agricultural commodities. The fact is that the farmers are the cheapest working people on the face of the earth. The agricultural industries has [illegible]. The present and [illegible] agriculture prosperity is positive proof of this fact.

Through Mr. Hobley we are assured that the [illegible] the prosperity of the Canadian farmer [illegible] to the Great British Empire, to consider the needs of the working and poorer classes of the people in the U.K. and other parts of Europe.

However, the argument offered by Mr. Hobley that these working and poorer classes [illegible] wheat as cheap as possible and [illegible] wheat to be grown in Canada, gives no solution to the farmers' problem. In the [illegible] it will only add more misery to the already overcrowded [illegible] of the [illegible] and throughout the world without additional income.

[illegible] will admit that Mr. Hobley is right when he says: "The aim of the Canadian [illegible] capitalistic [illegible], and to cut out all unnecessary intermediaries in the marketing through the Canadian Pool of the products grown by the farmers", or in other [illegible] control of their own business. [illegible] and Mr. [illegible] the farmers cannot solve the problems of [illegible] of the workers in every [illegible] the producers are already in control of production and [illegible] system. All that is needed to bring this is a change in the minds of men and [illegible] is a change of ideas. Today [illegible] are working hard and the result is that [illegible] who are the farmers, and those who exploit the workers. The change we need is to have the courage and will to work for and adopt the old [illegible]." That [illegible]



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ful work neither shall be set ... and through the organization effected ... formed.

In this work each individual unit must do their full share of the work. It is toward this end that the Wheat Pool are working. And if Mr. ...dley and the British Co-operative Wholesale Society are as interested as they pretend to be in promoting the establishment of a "great co-operative commonwealth" they too must do their bit towards making this possible. To do so it becomes essential to abandon the narrow concept of the "British Empire" and instead to learn to think and act in the interest of the exploited classes in every country in the world.

This will require political unity based on the economic interest of the producers, organized with the object of securing control of the powers of government in the interest of the wealth producers.

Useful work is the source of all wealth; therefore the producers must own the land and the mills, must acquire control in the interest of justice and human welfare.—Carl Axelson, [illegible], Alberta.

Answering Question

A Pool speaker writes us as follows:

"I know a man who wishes to join the Pool but is trying to sell his farm and is afraid of Clause 22. Will you explain that?"

Answer: If a Wheat Pool member sells his land for cash or cash payments, the purchaser of the land if not a Pool member may dispose of the wheat as he sees fit, and the seller is under no responsibilities to the Pool. If the land is sold on crop payment basis by a Pool member and the purchaser is not a Pool member, only the share of the crop accruing to the seller must be delivered to the Pool.

100 Per Cent Pool

A. Are you going to join the Pool again? The Pool members are aiming at a 100 per cent Pool, for the simple reason that a 100 per cent Pool is better than a 75 per cent Pool.

B. If you can give me three good reasons that a 100 per cent Pool is better than a 75 per cent Pool, I'll join the Pool again.

A. Certainly. I'll give you *four* good reasons.

1. The Canadian Wheat Board was a 100 per cent grain marketing concern. It functioned very satisfactorily, in fact it contributed to business so well that it earned more money for the wheat growers than they wished to have. After the Canadian Wheat Board stopped operating there was a surplus of several hundred thousand dollars.

2. The Pools in Denmark are 100 per cent Pools. They are operating very successfully, and they are regarded by the farmers all over the world as an outstanding example. The farmers in Denmark have become very prosperous with their 100 per cent Pool system.

3. The B.C. compulsory fruit pool is a 100 per cent pool. It also works very satisfactorily. With a 100 per cent pool, the B.C. fruit growers have eliminated all speculation and wasteful gambling. No competition is interfering with their system of marketing.

4. All labor unions are 100 per cent unions. If you as a farmer pay wages, you feel the influence of their 100 per cent

VITALITY LOW

Germination tests made with wheat that has been threshed this spring show that the vitality is very low. It would be indeed a calamity if this wheat is used for seed without being properly tested. Every farmer should see that his seed is right before putting it into the drill.

prices. If you buy implements you also feel the 100 per cent union, because your implements are manufactured in factories where they have to pay high union wages. Behind a 100 per cent union is that bargaining power which can raise the wages to the desired level.

B. You have convinced me that a 100 per cent Pool is necessary to obtain the best results, and I am going to join the Pool again. I believe myself that a man should finish successfully whatever he has once started. My seed wheat only tests 75 per cent and I am going to sell it and am going to buy good seed which tests 100 per cent. —**Contributed by Henry Kemper, [illegible].**

News & Views

REPORTS READY

Copies of the Annual Report of the Alberta Wheat Pool for the year 1926-27 are now available. Any member may obtain a copy by writing to the Secretary, R. O. German.

DROUGHT RESISTING WHEAT

A despatch from Australia states that the discovery of a type of wheat which resists drouth has made it possible to open large sections of Western Australia to advantage.

SECRETARIES ELECTED

D. H. Stokes, of Philips, has been elected secretary of the Wheat Pool Local.

R. K. Stinson of Starland has been elected secretary of Ardenville Wheat Pool Local.

BEST THING FOR FARMERS

H. Weston of Ferintosh, Alta., writes: "It seems to me a blind man ought to be able to see that the Pool is the best thing that ever happened to the farmers of Western Canada. If we had no Pool we wouldn't be getting these steady prices—I'm sure of it."

RECEIVED LESSON LAST FALL

Mr. William Bell, of Whitelaw, Alta., writes:

"Would you kindly send me a contract to sign for membership in the Alberta Wheat Pool. I will not have a very large acreage this year but I was foolish. I received my lesson last fall and am satisfied that I can do better in the Pool. I know I cannot do any worse. Trusting to hear from you by return of mail."

OLDEST WHEAT POOL MEMBER

J. Avery of the Hazeldean district near Consort, is one of the oldest men in the Pool ranks. He is 85 years of age and has been operating his own quarter section, and doing all of his own work up to this year. If there are any members

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NEWS FROM THE HEAD OFFICE of the ALBERTA LIVESTOCK POOL

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Board of Livestock Pool Elect Officers for Coming Year

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Record Prices at the Calgary Bull Sale

[illegible] Annual Auction Sale [illegible] bulls held [illegible] lgary on [illegible] under th[illegible] [illegible] Breeders' [illegible] realized [illegible]

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ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash, Bonds, etc.	$[illegible].24	Reserve for unearned premiums	$ 148,300.09
Assessments unpaid	[illegible].81	Taxes unpaid, etc.	9,010.25
Premium Notes unmatured	[illegible].88	Accounts payable	[illegible].06
		Surplus for Policy-holders' Protection	$[illegible]
	$2,4[illegible].98		$2,438,2[illegible]

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I beg to report to the Directors and Policy-holders that I have audited the accounts of the Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Company for the year ending December 31, 1927 and certify that the cash on hand and on deposit is correct. The Bonds and Debentures are in the custody of the Company [illegible] on deposit with the Superintendents of Insurance and acknowledged by them. The Balance Sheet in my opinion is properly drawn up so as to show the financial position of the Company as on December 31, 1927 and agrees with the books of the Company.

C. D. CORBOULD, C.A.

Business in Force; $134,530,263 —an increase for the year of $8,768,571.00.

Cash Surplus over liabilities $[illegible], an increase for the year of $1[illegible]. Losses paid, 1927, $[illegible]. Bonds on deposit with Government over $[illegible].

Our Policy Holders can be congratulated on the following wonderful showing:

1. In 1927 we made the greatest gain in cash assets ever made by us in one year.
2. In 1927 we increased our business over [illegible] millions.
3. In 1927 our loss ratio was only [illegible] per hundred dollars of business in force, and our average for the [illegible] years only [illegible]—a record.
4. In 1927 we collected 96.[illegible] of our assessment before the end of the year.
5. **During the past six years we have increased our volume by almost 40%, and our cash surplus by over 200%, and this has been done at a lower rate than that charged by any other company in Western Canada—Board or Mutual.**

HEAD OFFICE, WAWANESA, MAN.

Interests of the United Farm Women

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The first several [illegible] It deals in a household of [illegible] the accoun[illegible]

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Almost all of these are yearly expenses

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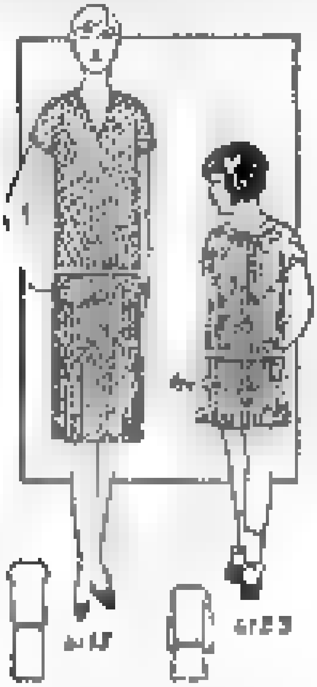

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5123. Girls' Dress.
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Activities of the U.F.W.A.

LOCAL REORGANIZED

Fourteen members signed the roll and officers were elected at a reorganization of the U.F.W.A. Local at Roseberry school near Irma, writes Mrs. Margaret W. Harper, who was elected secretary.

HAVE PROGRAM BOUND

Members of Windy Hills U.F.W.A. Local have written out and bound neatly copies of their program for the current year, giving the topics for roll call, names of hostesses and members of refreshment

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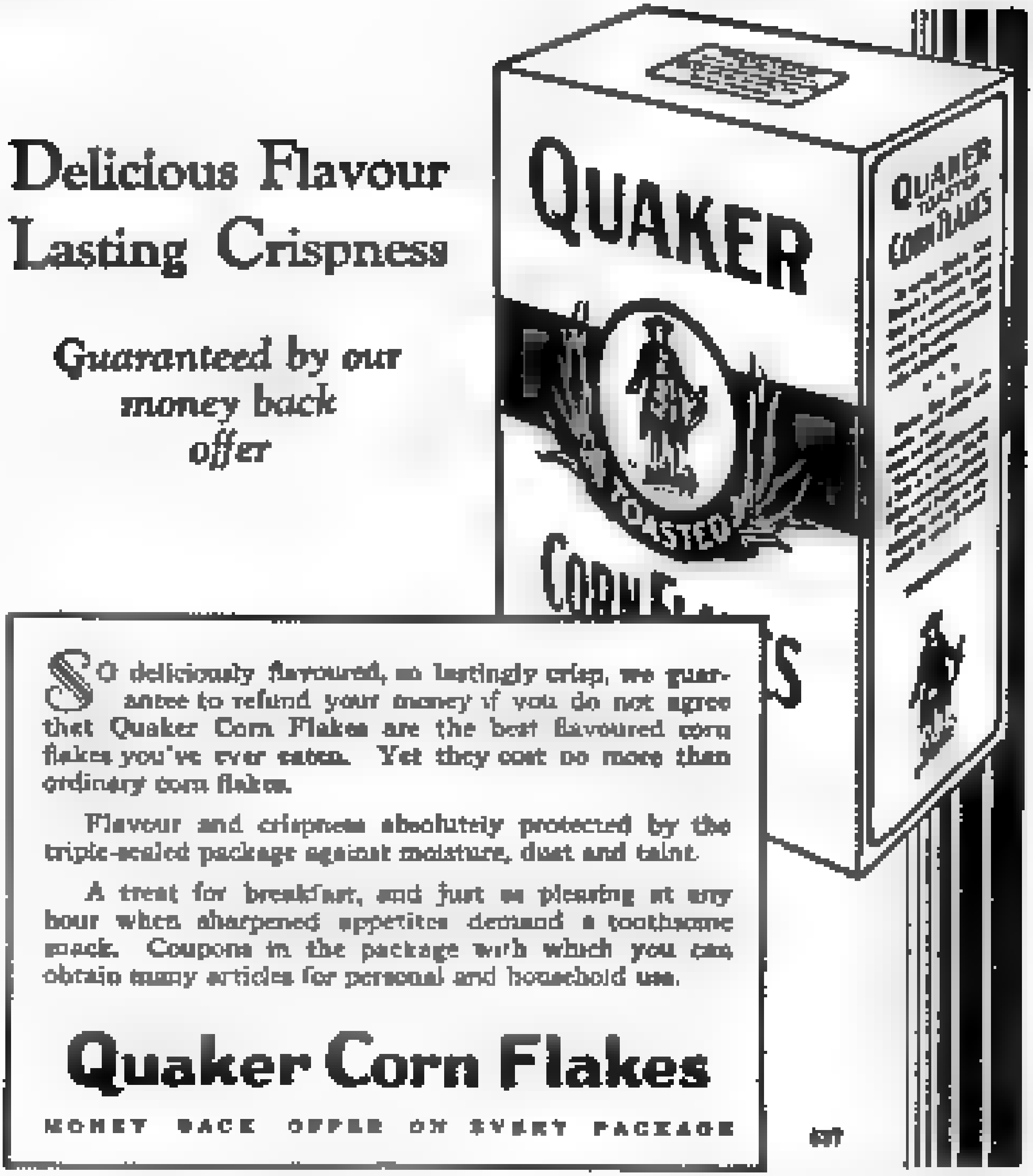

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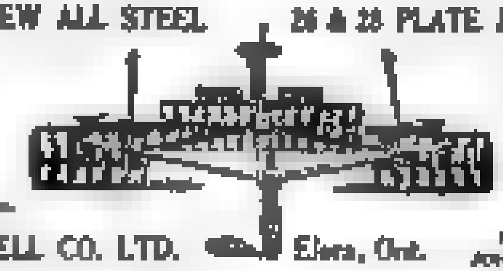

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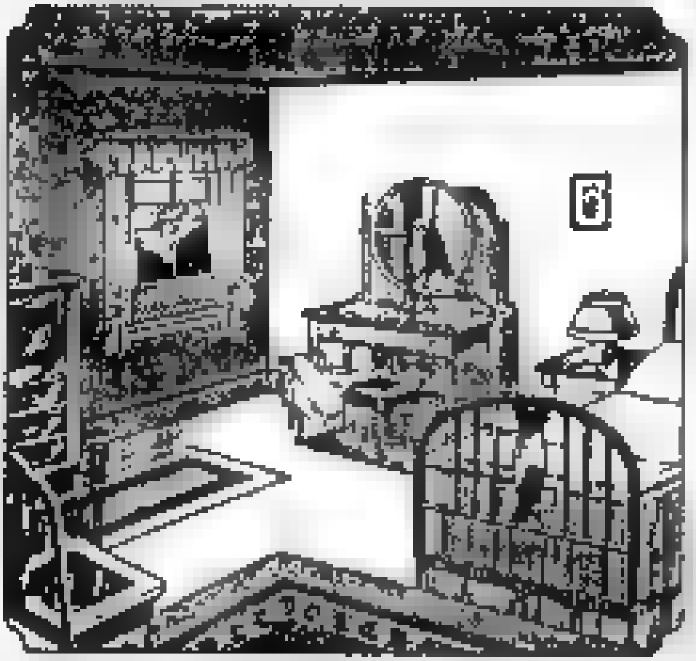

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NEWS AND VIEWS

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to the Alberta Wheat Pool who are senior to Mr. Avery in years, we would like to hear from them. As far as we know Mr. Avery is the "daddy" of the members of the Wheat Pool.

GRADING COMMITTEE MEETS

The Pool grading committee held a session on Saturday, April 7th. The objects of this committee are to suggest improvements that would make the grading system more equitable. Members: C. Jensen, Chairman, representing Alberta; P. M. Brede, representing Manitoba; L. C. Brouillette, representing Saskatchewan; E. B. Ramsay, representing the Central Selling Agency.

APPRECIATIVE

Donald A. Campbell, Leighton, Alta.: Wish to thank you for your efforts in my behalf regarding raising of grade. Am sorry you did not succeed as I am sure the grain was dry. In fact a sample of some of that which was in the car took first prize at the Lloydminster Seed Grain Fair. However you did your best and I appreciate it; also the excellent service rendered by our Streamstown agent, Mr. Torgeson.

EAST MERTON LOCAL MEETS

R. D. Heath, Secretary of East Merton Local, under date of March 17th, has sent in the following letter to head office:

"At a meeting held in [illegible] school on the 3rd March, it was suggested that a speaker be requested of Head Office to speak and stimulate generally interest in the Pool as early as possible. As the roads are at their worst, may I suggest that early in the summer, Mr. [illegible], the director for the Edmonton district, arrange to visit this part. P. J. [illegible], our delegate, will help on this occasion. There were various questions asked at the annual meeting such as elevator construction on the new railway put through this district, Campbell Amendment Act, right of shipper under this act when he receives an advance on car. These questions show healthy interest. Try if possible to arrange for a speaker to visit us this summer (early) beside our delegate, as we are needing a little pep.

"The officers for the year are: T. McLaughlin, chairman; O. Bratvold, vice; and R. D. Heath, secretary. There were thirty present and all interested in the success of the Pool."

RECENT SIGNERS

The following is a list of recent signers: Thos. Ewing, Milk River, 700 acres; F. F. Lind, Milk River, 300 acres; W. H. Madge, Milk River, 700; Ephraim Gough, Raymond, 320; J. D. Brown, Raymond, 480; Marks Bros., Raymond, 400; Roy H. Colhoun, Winnifred, 800; Harold A. Shepherd, Winnifred, 800; Clinton D. Herrington, Winnifred, 600; [illegible] Johnson, Macleod, 320; J. C. Hillberry, Red Willow, 240; F. Mutch, Bruce, 400; Wm. Anderson, Milk River, 480; Ken Wachtler, Milk River, 400; Nels Nelson, Veteran, 270; J. W. Anderson, [illegible], 320; A. J. Newman, Auburndale, 300 acres.

DELEGATE RESIGNS

A. V. Packard, of Forestburg, has resigned as delegate for the sub-district F-3 because of ill-health. The Board of

Directors passed a resolution expressing appreciation for the service rendered by Mr. Pickard. In view of the nearness to the date of the regular election it is not thought advisable to hold a by-election at the present time as the membership list and ballot cards will be going out early next month.

WHAT'S THE REASON?

Alexander Buchanan, who presided at the quarterly meeting of the United Co-operative Baking Society, held in Glasgow, Scotland, made the following remark: "There is undoubtedly a substantial wheat surplus in the world, but notwithstanding this surplus, May wheat quoted in Winnipeg is only half a cent cheaper than at this time last year."

ON EVEN KEEL

R. D. Ramsay, manager, Central Selling Agency, who was in Calgary on April 7th, stated that the Wheat Pool is on an even keel throughout Western Canada. "Taking the Pool all around," Mr. Ramsay said, "it was never in better shape to give service to its members." He stated further that the great majority of farmers of Western Canada are determined that the Wheat Pool system is here to stay. "The solid, substantial, far-seeing producer, and there are thousands of them in the Pool ranks, realizes that it would be a disastrous thing if Western Canada went back to the old system of wheat marketing."

POOL RADIO NEWS

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Splendid Little Concert

George A. Crane, Westlock, Alta.: Reference announcement over air, would be glad to receive Annual Report. Must congratulate "Glee Club" on their splendid little concert. Items much appreciated.

Like It Fine

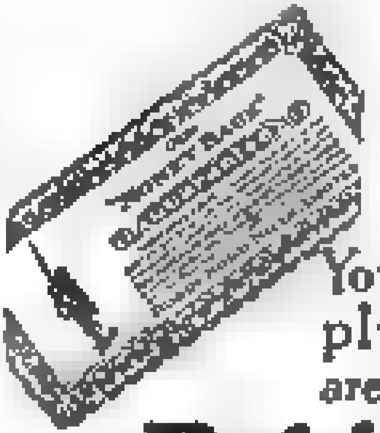
D. Ferguson, Cornucopia, Alta.: We listened in on your broadcast tonight and were delighted the way it came over. You seem to talk faster than formerly and it sure makes a remarkable difference at this end. Your address was good from start to finish. Glad indeed you touched on the seed question for there is a tendency on the part of many farmers to try out too many varieties of wheat, thinking that they need a change of seed and a change of Marquis to some other variety. More power to your elbow.

Reception Good

J. Schulte, Athabasca, Alta.: We very much enjoyed your program Wednesday, 8.30 to 9. The only trouble was, it did not last long enough, still I think it was all right, you can overdo a thing by dragging it out too long. Reception was very good here. Your Glee Club was doing some very good singing and this certainly helps to fill in the program.

SELLING DURUM TO ITALY

George McIvor, general sales manager of the Canadian Wheat Pool, recently stated that the Pool had established a market in Italy for Canadian durum wheat. Heretofore Canadian durum wheat has been sold to American exporters for mixing. This raised the quality of the American durum. Now this particular kind of Canadian wheat is bringing a premium in Italy. Manitoba farmers raise a considerable quantity of durum wheat each year.



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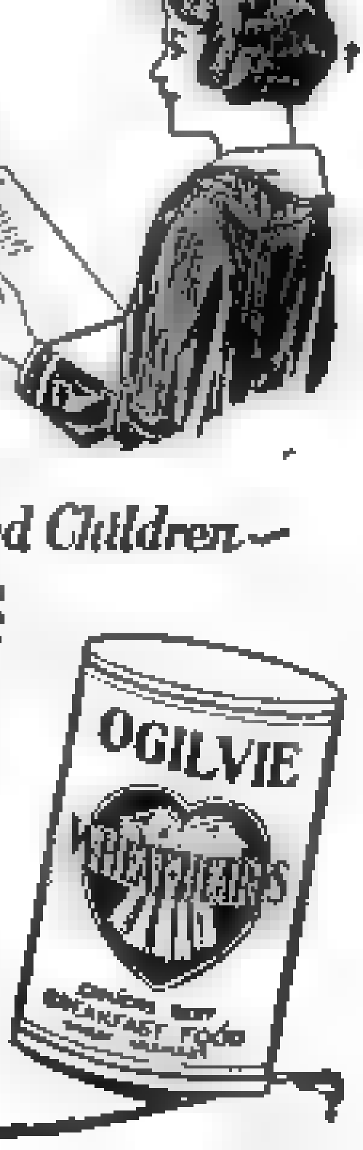

The Lethbridge Northern Irrigation District

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Believes Europe Will Face Bankruptcy, 1929

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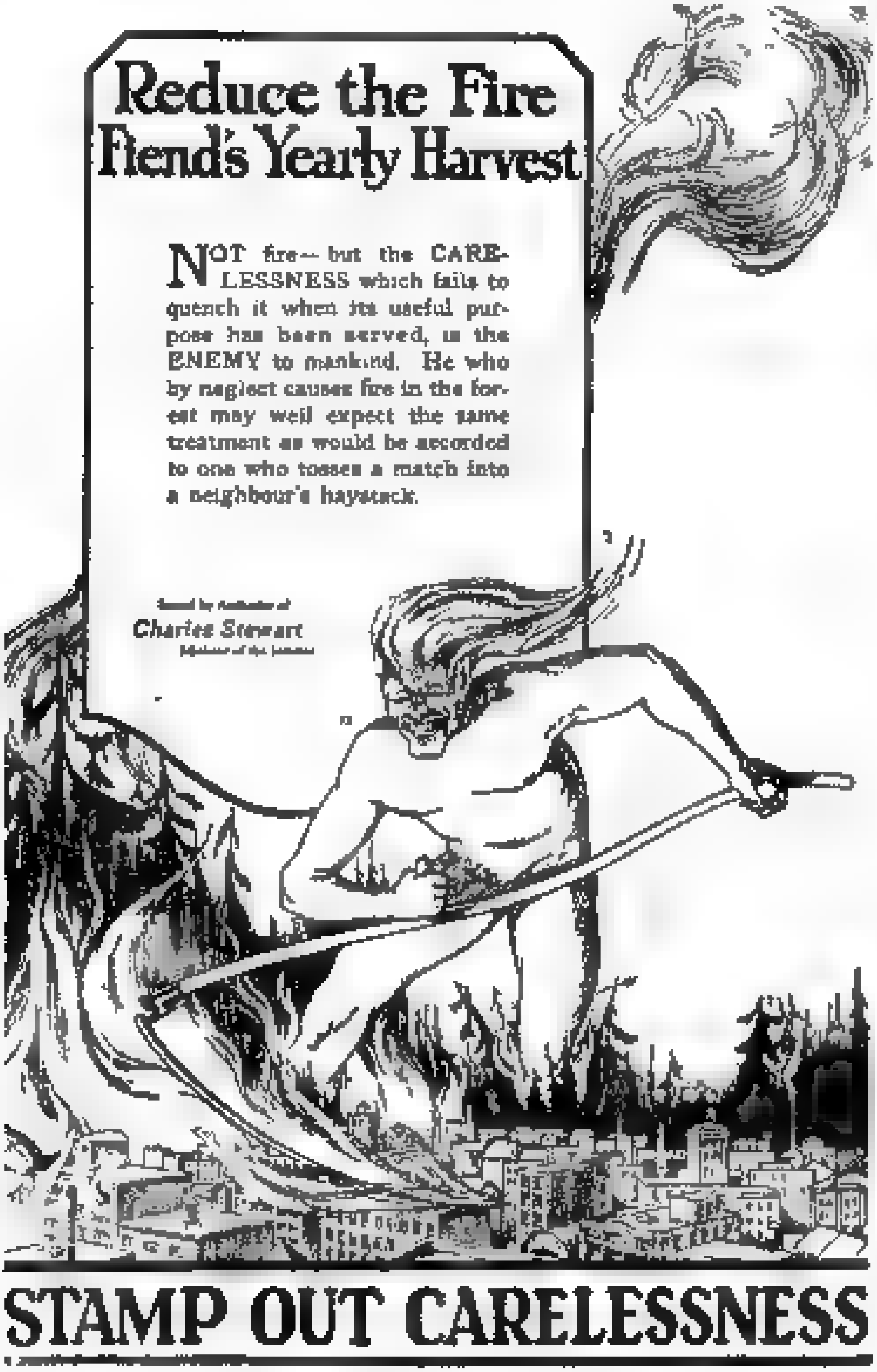

Reduce the Fire Fiend's Yearly Harvest

NOT fire—but the CARELESSNESS which fails to quench it when its useful purpose has been served, is the ENEMY to mankind. He who by neglect causes fire in the forest may well expect the same treatment as would be accorded to one who tosses a match into a neighbour's haystack.

Issued by Authority of
Charles Stewart
Minister of the Interior

STAMP OUT CARELESSNESS

Why the Disarmament Conference at Geneva Failed

[illegible]

Correspondence

[illegible]

[illegible] During 1927 the [illegible] the lowest figure for [illegible]

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PROTEST POLICE OPPRESSION

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MASTER MECHANIC SHIRTS

[illegible] Master Mechanic [illegible]

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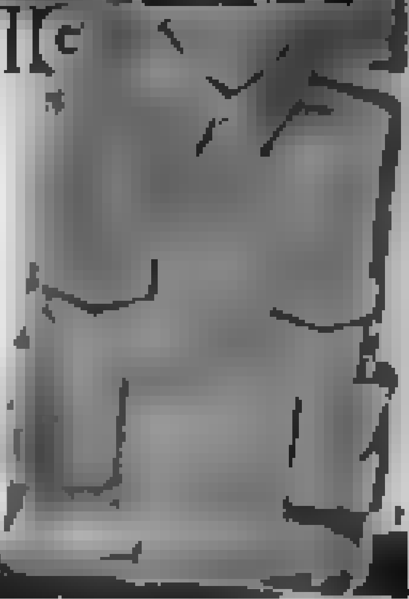

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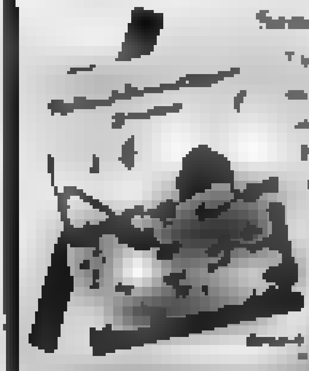

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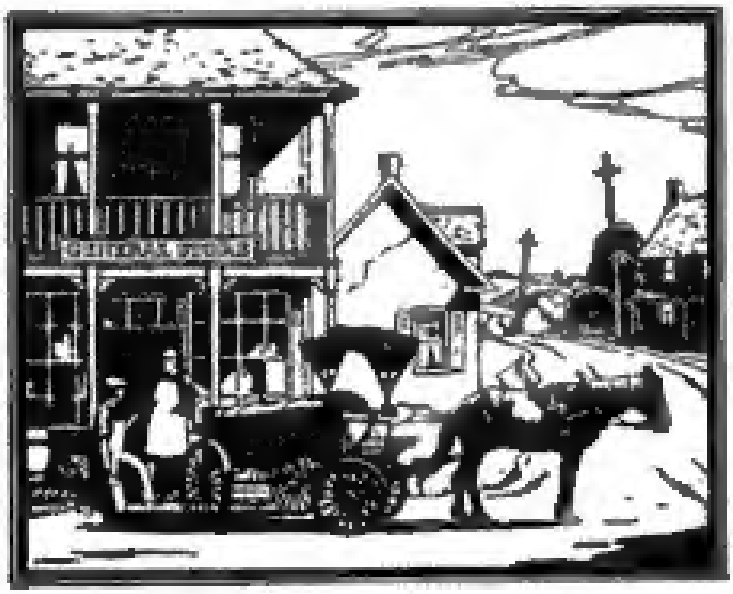

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